



Memorandum
Office of the County Executive
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TRANSMITTAL MEMO

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins, County Executive

Date: June 24, 2026

Re: AN AMENDED BOND ACT for capital project BCR64 (3232) - Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System

Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an amended bond act ("Bond Act") which, if adopted, would authorize the County of Westchester ("County") to issue additional bonds in the amount of \$7,960,000 to finance the following capital project:

BCR64 (3232) – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System ("BCR64").

The Amended Bond Act, in the total amount of \$9,625,000, which includes \$1,665,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, would finance the construction associated with the replacement of the Correctional Facility Fire Alarm System throughout the entire facility complex.

The Department of Correction ("Department") has advised that the existing fire alarm system has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement through the Correctional facility complex. The new system will replace existing devices and use existing wiring with a fiber network between panels connected to a Fireworks graphic work station. It would also include the installation of a Vesda/Xtralis Vea system for Blocks 1-3. The entire fire alarm system for the correctional facility has reached its end of life and can no longer be repaired as software and parts are no longer available.

Design has been completed by in house staff. Following bonding authorization, the Department estimates that construction will take twelve (12) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

It should be noted that your Honorable Board has authorized the County to issue bonds for BCR64 as follows: Bond Act No. 96 - 2024 in the amount of \$665,000 which financed the cost of design for the replacement of the existing fire alarm system at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla, as amended by Bond Act 114 – 2025 to increase the initial amount authorized under Bond Act No. 96 – 2024 by \$1,000,000, to a new total amount of \$1,665,000 to expand the scope of the project to include construction services, and to increase the period of probable usefulness of said bonds. A portion of bonds authorized under Bond Act No. 96 – 2024 have been issued. Authority is now requested to amend Bond Act No. 114 – 2025 to increase the amount authorized thereunder by \$7,960,000, to a new total amount of \$9,625,000, to include additional construction services.

Based on the importance of this project to the County, favorable action on the proposed Bond Act is respectfully requested.

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

Your Committee is in receipt of a transmittal from the County Executive recommending approval by the County of Westchester (“County”) of an amended bond act (“Amended Bond Act”) in the total amount of \$9,625,000.00, which includes \$1,665,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County, to finance capital project BCR64 (3232) – Correctional Facility Replace Fire Alarm System (“BCR64”).

The Amended Bond Act, which was prepared by the law firm Harris Beach Murtha, will finance the construction associated with the replacement of the Correctional Facility Fire Alarm System throughout the entire facility complex.

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Your Committee is advised that design has been completed by in house staff. Following bonding authorization, the Department estimates that the construction will take twelve (12) months to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

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The Department of Planning has advised your Committee that based on its review, the authorization of the proposed capital project may be classified as a Type “II” action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQR”). Therefore, no environmental review is required. Your Committee has reviewed the annexed SEQR documentation and concurs with this recommendation.

It should be noted that an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of your Honorable Board is required in order to adopt the Bond Act. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Bond Act.

Dated: _____, 20____
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

TO: Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Maximilian Zorn, Assistant County Attorney
Maria Baratta, Assistant County Attorney

FROM: David S. Kvinge, AICP, RLA, CFM
Assistant Commissioner



DATE: June 18, 2026

SUBJECT: **STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW FOR CAPITAL PROJECT
BCR64 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY REPLACE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

PROJECT/ACTION: Per Capital Project Fact Sheet as approved by the Planning Department on
06/03/2026 (Unique ID: 3232)

With respect to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Planning Department recommends that no environmental review is required for the proposed action, because the project or component of the project for which funding is requested may be classified as a **TYPE II action** pursuant to section(s):

- **617.5(c)(2):** replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part.
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COMMENTS: None.

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cc: Emily Saltzman, Director of Operations
Paula Friedman, Assistant to the County Executive
Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney
Dianne Vanadia, Associate Budget Director
Robert Abbamont, Director of Operations, Department of Public Works & Transportation
Matthew Castro, Chief Planner
Claudia Maxwell, Principal Environmental Planner

ACT NO. -20____

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2025 IN RELATION TO FINANCING THE COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AT THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$9,625,000. (Adopted _____, 20____).

WHEREAS, this Board of Legislators (the “Board”) has heretofore duly authorized the issuance of bonds to finance the costs for the construction of the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,665,000 (the “Original Project”), pursuant to Act No. 114-2025, duly adopted on June 2, 2025 (the “Prior Act”), and it has now been determined that (i) the costs for the construction of the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility in the amount of \$7,960,000 shall be added to the costs of the Original Project (collectively, the “Project”) and (ii) the maximum cost of the Project shall now total \$9,625,000, and the Prior Act shall be amended and restated as set forth herein; and

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section (A). The bond act duly adopted by this Board on June 2, 2025, entitled:

“(BOND) ACT NO. 114-2025

BOND ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,665,000 BONDS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,665,000; STATING THE PLAN OF FINANCING SAID COST INCLUDES THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,665,000 BONDS HEREIN AUTHORIZED; AND PROVIDING FOR A TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS.”

is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

BOND ACT OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, AMENDING AND RESTATING THE BOND ACT ADOPTED JUNE 2, 2025 IN RELATION TO FINANCING THE COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AT THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AT THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$9,625,000. (Adopted , 20____)..

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK (by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the voting strength of said Board), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the “Law”), the Westchester County Administrative Code, being Chapter 852 of the Laws of 1948, as amended, to the provisions of other laws applicable thereto, \$9,625,000 bonds of the County, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby authorized to be issued to finance the cost for construction of the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility; all as set forth in the County’s current year Capital Budget, as amended. To the extent that the details set forth in this act are inconsistent with any details set forth in the current year Capital Budget of the County, such Budget shall be deemed and is hereby amended. The estimated maximum cost of said objects or purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$9,625,000. The plan of financing includes the issuance of \$9,625,000 bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds, and the levy of a tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

Section 2. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the specific object or purpose for which the bonds authorized by this resolution is to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 56 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

Section 3. Current funds are not required to be provided as a down payment pursuant to Section 107.00 d. 9. of the Law prior to issuance of the bonds authorized herein, or any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. The County intends to finance, on an interim basis, the costs or a portion of the costs of said improvements for which bonds are herein authorized, which costs are reasonably expected to be reimbursed with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the County, pursuant to this Act, in the maximum amount of \$9,625,000. This Act is a declaration of official intent adopted pursuant to the requirements of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and of the Law, and pursuant to the provisions of §30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals thereof, and of §§50.00, 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of said Law, the powers and duties of the County Board of Legislators relative to authorizing the issuance of any notes in anticipation of the sale of the bonds herein authorized, or the renewals thereof, relative to providing for substantially level or declining annual debt service, relative to prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the respective amounts of bonds herein authorized, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and relative to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance of the County, as the chief fiscal officer of the County.

Section 5. Each of the bonds authorized by this Act and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by

§52.00 of said Local Finance Law and said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the County of Westchester, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the County. The faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds or the renewals of said notes, and provision shall be made annually in the budgets of the County by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the notes and bonds to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this Act and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the County is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this Act or a summary hereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 7. This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

Section (B). The amendment and restatement of the bond act set forth in Section (A) of this act shall in no way affect the validity of the liabilities incurred, obligations

issued, or action taken pursuant to said bond act, and all such liabilities incurred, obligations issued, or action taken shall be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken pursuant to said bond act, as so amended.

Section (C). This Act shall take effect in accordance with Section 107.71 of the Westchester County Charter.

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LEGAL NOTICE

An amended and restated Bond Act, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Legislators on June 2, 2025 and amended on _____, 20__ and approved, as amended, by the County Executive on _____, 20__ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such Bond Act may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the County of Westchester, in the State of New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Complete copies of the amended Bond Act summarized herewith shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York, for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

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object or purpose: to finance the cost for construction of the replacement of the fire alarm system at the Correctional Facility; all as set forth in the County's 20__ Capital Budget, as amended

amount of obligations to be issued:

and period of probable usefulness: \$9,625,000; ten (10) years

Dated: _____, 20__
White Plains, New York

Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the County Board of
Legislators of the County of Westchester, New York